

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the paragraph bridging pages 13 and 14 of the specification and Fig. 10 have been amended. Claims 1-27 are pending and under consideration.

In a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated September 23, 2003, the Patent Office objected to Fig. 10, asserting that it contains excessive text. Text has been eliminated from Fig. 10, and this text has been incorporated into the specification.

In view of the drawing and specification changes, it is submitted that the drawings are in full compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.84 and 1.121. Withdrawal of the Notice and an early action on the merits is requested.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment and Response, such questions can be addressed by telephone to the undersigned.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of these Preliminary Amendment and Response, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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